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Sent: 2/24/2016 6:10:31 PM

To: Thomas, Deb [thomas.debrah@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Tester's Office

I do have the talking points. I'll forward them to you, but they need to be reworked. I'll run my revisions by you once I'm done.

CFAC is likely to come up also, so I'll plan to provide some TPs on that also, based on yesterday's meeting. I'll get those to you ASAP also.

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Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 10:55 AM **To:** Russo, Rebecca < Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Tester's Office

I know there is a mtg to discuss Butte. Did HQ share the Butte talking points or are they also looking at CFAC?

On Feb 24, 2016, at 9:40 AM, Russo, Rebecca < Russo. Rebecca@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Deb,

Carolyn Levine just let me know that Senator Tester is having a call with the Administrator on Friday. I wanted to be sure you are aware of this meeting. She asked me to help revise the talking points she received from the Region.

Thanks, Rebecca

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From: Thomas, Deb

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Subject: Tester's Office

Hi Nichole.

Based on some comments from Eric Nyland last night at a Butte, MT public forum regarding the Superfund site Senator Tester may reach out to the Administrator to discuss his concerns with using State restoration funds rather than Superfund remediation funds to remove tailings from the site. This is

an old issue that was previously brought to the Administrators attention. We strongly support the Governor's commitment to have the tailings removed with State remediation funds and we are working closely with the MT DEQ and MT Natural Resources Damage to coordinate our remediation activities with their efforts to remove the tailings. I will forward briefing materials prepared previously on the issue raised by the Senator as soon as I receive them.

Deb

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